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ment is expressed by this body I'm sure the introducers would not want to send the resolution back without massive support. It appears that this dog is sick and probably has an incurable disease and will not get well which I hope is true.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: I move for the question.

PRESIDENT: Are there five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is shall debate cease. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 5 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Would you close debate on your motion to advance, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. The mere fact that my name is not on this resolution does not mean too much because Thomas Jefferson did not sign the U.S. Constitution.

I wonder if Senator Cavanaugh would answer a question for me? Senator Syas, may I borrow him for a moment? Senator Cavanaugh, do you have a copy of Article 5 before you?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You say you don't feel the Constitution needs to be rewritten. Is that your position, the U.S. Constitution?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: In its entirety?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Wherever rewriting needs to occur.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No, I think it serves a very adequate function and has for a long time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could I call your attention to the portion of Article 5 which tells how a proposed amendment would be ratified? It says by 3/4th.... "by legislatures of 3/4th of several states, or by conventions in 3/4th thereof". What are these conventions?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I assume that they would be conventions called in the states.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How would these conventions be called, Senator Cavanaugh?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Probably by the legislatures or by petition of the peoples of the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But what does the Constitution say about how they should be called?